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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

A. Introductory Comments:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 30, 2003 in the above-referenced application. With the accompanying Petition for One-Month Extension of Time and fee, these documents are due on Monday, March 1, 2004 (February 29, 2004 being a Sunday). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-551 CON-S2 (CURA-51 CON-S2).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.